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FIELD TRIALS OF GM RICE
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahyco Seed Company has conducted field trials of Bt Rice in various parts of the country in violation of the regulations and conditions laid down for field trials of Genetically Modified Crops;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there has been a demand to ban the field trials of genetically modified Bt rice in the country; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF EARTH SCIENCES(KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) No Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above,question does not arise.

(c) & (d) The Department has not been approached by any organization/ agency to ban the field trials of genetically modified Bt rice in the country. The regulatory authorities within the Ministry of Science & Technology ensure that all the regulatory guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures(SOPs) put in place for field trial of genetically engineered (GE) Crops are complied with by the permitted parties.